

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2007-02

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR MICHIGAN STATE PARKS

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE TAKING OF MICHIGAN CIVILIAN CONSERVATION
CORPS TRUST FUND FOR 2007 STATE BUDGET BALANCING PURPOSES**

ADOPTED JUNE 13, 2007

WHEREAS, interest income from the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (MCCC) Trust Fund has allowed the Department of Natural Resources to annually leverage at least \$1 million in total dollars, to use for a wide range of programs throughout the department, and particularly to maintain Michigan state parks; and

WHEREAS, the MCCC program has provided outstanding employment for young persons of high caliber; and

WHEREAS, loss of these dollars would dramatically and critically diminish natural resource stewardship activities, including control of invasive species on state natural areas; and

WHEREAS, these dollars support the only programs that serve to repair and restore damaged natural landscapes, using native plants raised at state prisons; and

WHEREAS, these dollars serve as match to hundreds of thousands of dollars of federal grants, which will be lost.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that taking dollars from this long established, sustainable, highly valuable MCCC program for short-term budget purposes is very strongly opposed by the Citizens Committee for Michigan State Parks.

MOTIONED BY: Chris Graham
SUPPORTED BY: Tom Ferguson

YEAS: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 4

This Resolution was adopted by the Citizens Committee for Michigan State Parks on June 13, 2007.